

Hiram McAdams to Alice Williamson –January 24, 1891 (Page 1 of 3)

Original spelling, punctuation and grammar have been preserved. Extra spaces have been added between sentences to improve readability, because no end of sentence punctuation was used in the original letter.

Note: "inst" was commonly used in 19th century correspondence to indicate "next" in dates. For example, "11 inst" means "the next 11th". "Monday inst" means "next Monday", etc.

Hiram would have been 45 years of age at the time of this letter and Alice, who was a teacher in public school at Cotton, Texas at the time, would have been almost 22 years old.

Hiram's first wife, Jennie Robbins McAdams had previously died on October 24, 1886 about 5 years earlier than this writing.

McAdams

Jan 24, 1891

Miss Alice Dear Friend

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